

REMARKS

Claims 12-21 are pending in this application. Claims 12-21 are allowed. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to correct an informality. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 12-21 are allowed.

II. Objection to the Specification

The Office Action objects to the specification because a brief description of the drawings is allegedly missing from the specification. The objection is respectfully traversed.

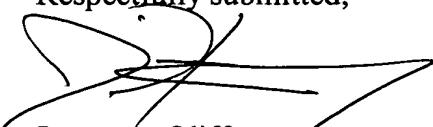
A brief description of the drawings is found in paragraph [0166] of the specification. However, to better conform with U.S. practice, the specification is amended to move the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section to be before the detailed description section. In addition, the "Explanation of References" section is deleted. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

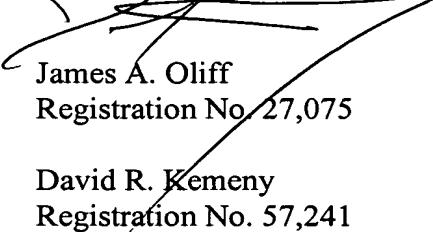
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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